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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
: Examiner: M. Dastouri
HIROSHI SATOMI)
: Group Art Unit: 2623
Application No.: 09/406,721)
: Filed: September 28, 1999)
: For: APPARATUS AND METHOD OF) May 12, 2003
PROCESSING CHARACTERS :
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Mail Stop CPA
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

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Sir:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated December 3, 2002, for an additional two months from April 3, 2003, to June 3, 2003.

Submitted herewith is a check for \$820.00 (the difference between the \$930 third-month extension fee and the \$110.00 first-month extension fee previously paid on April 3, 2003) to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

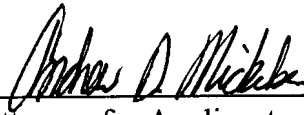
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Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa,
California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to
our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,



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